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Studies in Political Dynamics, No. 1 Ethiopia, 30 Jan 1963 - INR

1. Since no Section 53 or 15 on Ethiopia exists, direct comparison can only be made with normal NIS coverage. The INR paper consists of NIE-type estimate, policy recommendation, and basic intelligence.

2. Some 15% more or less of the paper's content contains NIE-type forecast, about 25% policy recommendation, and some 60% basic intelligence. There is a one and a half page appendix analyzing ethnic groups in the country somewhat similar to that provided in Section 42.

3. The 1 1/2 page abstract which begins the study is phrased entirely as a policy paper. From this point the study assumes the character of a general political survey under such headings as nature of Political System, Role of the Emperor, and the Imperial Family. Under the next heading: Key Question The Succession, there seems to be a reversion to NIE-type writing. Basic intelligence is resumed on page 13 under the headings The Aristocracy and Clergy, and the Armed Forces. On page 20 possibilities of a coup are discussed. From page 21 through page 26 the general subject seems to be counterinsurgency, under such headings as The Bureaucracy, The Discontented, The Younger Elite, and Autonomists and Separatists. On page 29 there is a summarization of implications for U. S. policy, this once again phrased entirely as a policy paper.

4. The publication is accompanied by a fairly good map of ethnic groups, a brief but useful map of political divisions within the country, and a map showing the location of the country in relation to its geographic neighbors.

5. According to rumors in OCI the future of the series is problematical. According to State (Cappe) two more have been projected; one on Brazil and the other on Nigeria. He promised to provide us with copies.

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6. This morning we followed up a hurry-up call which I received late last evening to provide six copies of our Sections 52 and 53 on Brazil and the sheets on Allocations appearing in the NIS Standard Instructions to Mr. Hillman in the Capitol building. Hillman is there apparently justifying the existence of his studies to Mr. Rooney. The reason State insisted on our sections on Brazil was that this is the only country covered by both types of publication. Our Section 53 is dated January 1958, but Editorial gave it top rating when sent to Publication.

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